



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 24, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The State Assembly has recently passed a new personal income tax bill, AB 1690. This bill attempts to continue the State's ongoing efforts to juggle budgets and shift money from one area to another to subsidize waste, overspending, ill-advised schemes, and bloated bureaucracies.

“AB 1690 would allow local governments to tax personal income, an authority currently reserved only for Federal and State governments. Never in California's history has a local county or city been given this authority. We should not start now. AB1690 would merely give Sacramento a new mechanism for slashing funding for cities and counties while continuing to create more unfunded mandates. The bill would serve only to fuel the Legislature's spending addiction that has thrown this State into a \$38 billion deficit.

“At the end of the day, this legislation will not only give local governments the ability to tax personal income, but it will quietly shift costly responsibilities to local governments.”

John Reese, Executive Director, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Knabe, Yaroslavsky and Antonovich; Noes: None; Abstentions: Supervisor Burke, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in opposition to AB 1690 (Leno), legislation which would allow local governments to tax personal income, an authority currently reserved only for Federal and State governments; and
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter signed by the Board to Los Angeles County's State Senators expressing the Board's opposition to AB 1690; and
3. Instructed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to actively oppose AB 1690.

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